

REMARKS

Claims 6-27 are pending. New claims 21-27 are supported by the originally filed claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the previous rejections have all been withdrawn.

Claims 6-11 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing the written description requirement. The Office Action asserts the specification and claims do not adequately define the genus to which the polypeptide belong. In response, claim 6 has been amended to recite only a single species of the group. Thus, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

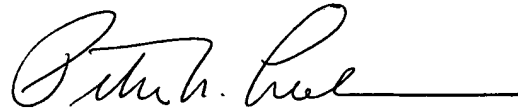
Claims 6-11 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which is considered the invention. Specifically, the Office Action asserts the reference to FP7 as SEQ ID NO. 39 is improper as SEQ ID NO. 39 is a polynucleotide. In response, the identification of FP7 has been changed to SEQ ID NO. 40, a polypeptide sequence.

Claims 6-11 and 18-20 additionally stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 95/25797. The Office Action asserts SEQ ID NO. 36 is disclosed by WO '797. However, in light of the amendments to the claims, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Specifically, since the FP4 (corresponding to SEQ ID. NO. 36) has been removed from the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are not anticipated by WO '797. As none of the cited references teach or suggest polypeptides corresponding to the recited polypeptides, as now identified, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not anticipate or otherwise render obvious the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and passage of the application to allowance. If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

If any additional fee is necessary to make this paper timely or complete, it may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account number 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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